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SUBJECT: COMMENTS - CHANGES TO THE DOE STANDARD BADGE

Following is the Laboratory's proposal for returning to color-coded badges to denote clearance levels. This has not yet been forwarded to DOE. If you have any comments, please forward to Ken Collins (kac@lanl.gov).

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The main elements of Los Alamos National Laboratory's position on changes to standard badges are:

COLOR-CODING OF CLEARANCE LEVEL FOR U.S. CITIZENS WITH STANDARD BADGE

- *Green* for Q-cleared
- *Purple* for L-cleared
- *Red* for Uncleared

Red is preferred to indicate uncleared because we believe it sends a strong visual signal that the individual does not have a clearance of any type.

FOREIGN NATIONAL BADGES

LANL's position is that it is equally important to clearly distinguish between clearance levels for foreign nationals as it is for U.S. citizens. Therefore, we recommend against a single color (e.g., red) for all foreign nationals, regardless of clearance level. Instead, we recommend using the same three colors indicated above for U.S. citizens, but distinguishing foreign nationals by the use of a hash pattern against the color field.

LANL supports the proposal to indicate on the badge the country of citizenship (spelled out in full) of the foreign national.

IMPLEMENTING ISSUANCE OF COLOR-CODED DOE STANDARD BADGE

To reduce disruption from a massive rebadging effort that would take place at one time, LANL proposes that all uncleared and L-cleared individuals be rebadged within a brief specified time span, but that Q-cleared individuals be rebadged only when other circumstances dictate a need for rebadging. Since Q-cleared individuals would have green badges, just as they do now with the DOE standard badge, there is no urgency to rebadge all Q-cleared standard badge-holders during a brief time period.

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